

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 608 - HB 626**

February 26, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes any juvenile court judge to order the use of mechanical restraints on a child in the courtroom only when the judge finds the restraints to be necessary to prevent flight or physical harm to the child or another person. Except in the case of an emergency, the child and the child's attorney shall have an opportunity to contest the use of the restraints. The judge shall make a written finding of fact in support of the mechanical restraints order that includes there are no less restrictive alternatives to restraints that will prevent flight or physical harm to the child or others.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumption:

- The provisions of the bill will not significantly increase the cases or workload of the juvenile courts or general sessions courts with juvenile jurisdiction; therefore, any fiscal impact to local government is estimated to be not significant and can be accommodated within local government resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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